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IT'S ALL I CAN DO JUST TO STAND MY GROUND!!
AT THIS RATE I CAN'T BEAT HER! I HAVE TO GO ON THE OFFENSIVE SOMEHOW...!
Fate Grand Order

MY MAGIC IS A PRISON OF FLAME—
RETURN TO THE EARTH!
A GREEN GIANT, AKIN TO THORNS
YOU'VE HELD UP WELL, MISSY.
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WICKER MAN!
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE SABER AT THE CENTER OF SINGULARITY F,
PLUS ARCHER AND BERSERKER. IS THAT RIGHT?
YEAH.

I SEE.
THEN, HOW ABOUT ARCHER-
HOLD ON.
AS LONG AS WE LEAVE IT ALONE, IT WON'T BOTHER US.
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THAT THING HAS ANY DESIRE TO GO AFTER THE HOLY GRAIL.
THOUGH, IT PROBABLY WON'T BE A PROBLEM IF WE LEAVE BERSERKER ALONE.
WHAT'S WRONG, MASHU?
WERE YOU WOUNDED IN THE FIGHT?
AH!
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NO, NOT AT ALL..
I'M COMPL-ETELY FIN-
SOME-THING'S WRONG WITH KYRIE-LIGHT
As a master, take proper care of your servants!

HUH?
MASHU?
NO...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, SENPAI!!
NO, YOU'RE NOT-
HEY, CALM DOWN AND TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG.
I'M A DISSAPO-INTMENT TO YOU...
SENPAI, YOU'RE ALWAYS AT YOUR WITS END TRYING TO HELP ME GROW STRONGER.
BUT I STILL CAN'T USE MY NOBLE PHANTASM... AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW MY TRUE NAME.
I'M A FAILURE OF A SERVANT...
I'D DEFINITELY CALL YOU THE MASTER OF THE YEAR.

MASHU! DON'T TALK ABOUT YOURSELF LIKE THAT!
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THAT'S RIGHT!
A NOBLE PHANTASM IS A TRUMP CARD OF A HEROIC SPIRIT. IT'S A SUPER MOVE!
NO ONE WOULD EXPECT YOU TO BE ABLE TO USE IT IN A DAY OR TWO-
HUH?
OF COURSE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE IT RIGHT AWAY.
SERVANTS AND THEIR NOBLE PHANTASMS ARE ONE IN THE SAME.
MISSY, IF YOU CAN FIGHT AS A SERVANT, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE IT.
THE FACT THAT YOU CAN'T IS... HOW DO I PUT IT?
YOU HAVEN'T "UNLOCKED" IT BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T SHOUTED REALLY LOUDLY WHILE PRACTICING IT.
...!
I...

I SEE NOW!!!
HEY!! DON'T SUDDENLY SCREAM LIKE THAT!!
YOU'LL DESTROY MY EAR-DRUMS!!
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'VE GOT SPIRIT...
...BUT THAT WAS JUST AN EXAMPLE!
A NOBLE PHANTASM IS A HEROIC SPIRIT'S INSTINCT. IT'S YOUR OWN SELF, MISSY.
EVEN IF YOU DENY IT-
...
TO THE SOUTH.
HUH?

ON YOUR GUARD!
MASTER! DIRECTOR! GET BEHIND ME!
WHERE ARE THEY ATTACKING FROM!?
IS IT ARCHER!?
YEAH.
BUT TO THINK
HE'D BE USING A BOW.

I've seen one before. Caster.
Two servants. Two magi.
GENERALLY, YEAH.
CU CHULAINN, DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE ARCHER IS?
The other is a new servant.
The master... seems like the woman.
But that Shielder is prioritizing the man's protection first. The man is the master.
I suppose that would make her a Shielder.
Is that huge shield a Noble Phantasm...? How unusual.
HE'S THERE.

An anomalous servant and an uncharacteristic master.
Well, that itself isn't that rare.
...CU CHULAINN?
OKAY!
ANYWAYS, WE'RE SITTING DUCKS UP HERE! TAKE COVER BEHIND THE BUILDINGS!
"PROB-ABLY"!?
PROB-ABLY.
ALLLLLL THE WAY THAT WAY, ON TOP OF A BUILDING.
WHERE'S "THERE"!?
Guess you can't really see him

I WON'T HELP YOU.
SHOW ME YOU CAN ACTIVATE YOUR NOBLE PHANTASM THIS FIGHT.
THIS MIGHT BE BITTER MEDICINE, BUT IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.
MISSY.
Huh!?
H-HOLD ON! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING AT A TIME LIKE THIS!?
HE'S A SUPERIOR FOE, BUT HE SHOULD BE MADDENED LIKE THE OTHERS.
YOU HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE IF YOU USE YOUR NOBLE PHANTASM.
NO MATTER WHAT, DEFEAT IS CERTAIN IF YOU FACE SABER AS YOU ARE NOW.

Caster pulled back...
He's retreated from the battle line...
Hm...?
Is he not their ally?
Well, fine.
Pfft.
I'm "fine" with it?
...
Such petty fancies are the death of a bowman.

I don't mind the... unexpected.
So this is the high of being maddened...
An effect of that mad, eh?

WE DON'T KNOW HIS COMBAT STRENGTH, SO WE CAN ONLY TRY CLOSING THE DISTANCE WITHOUT EXPOSING OURSELVES.
THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG FIGHT...

HOW SHOULD WE PROCEED, MASTER?

Ah!
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OUCH...
I'LL BE FINE IF I STAY BEHIND COVER!
DON'T ORDER ME AROUND.
DIRECTOR, IT'S DANGEROUS. DON'T GET TOO FAR FROM ME.
SERIOUSLY, WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY AND HIS "BITTER MEDICINE"!?
THAT HURT!
COME ON, ALRE-ADY!

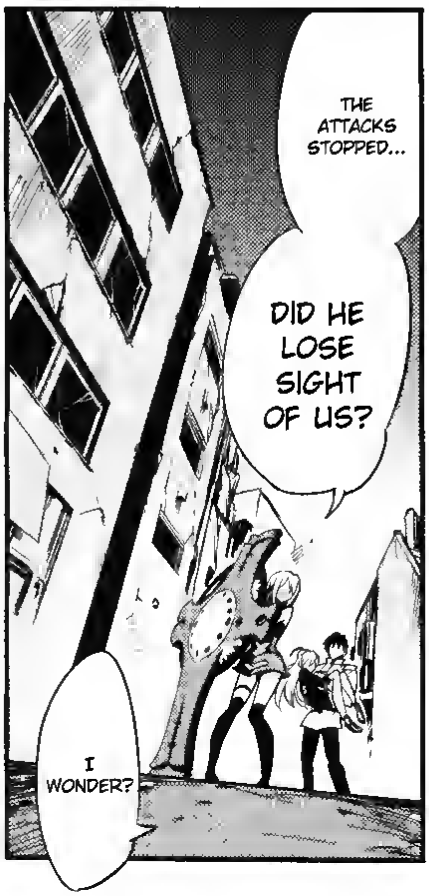
!!
THIS IS BAD! HE'S TARGETING US!!
WE HAVE TO MOVE!
DIRECTOR, CAN YOU STAND!?
Ah
O-OF COURSE I-
ARGH...!
PARDON ME!!
WE CAN'T STAY OUT HERE! WE'LL RUN DEEPER INSIDE!
WAIT-

WHAT'S GOING ON!? WE'RE STILL TAKING ACCURATE FIRE EVEN INSIDE THE BUILDING!
HE'S TRACKING US SOMEHOW!

MASTER! THESE ARROWS ARE EXTR-EMELY DANGER-OUS!
THEY'RE HOMING MISSILES... I CAN'T READ THEIR TRAJECT-ORIES! IT'S RISKY TO STAY IN-DOORS!
RIGHT, SORRY! LET'S REGROUP INSIDE!

They're inexperienced, but put up a good fight.
It'll be hard to finish them off with arrows alone.
But...

That shield Noble Phantasm.
A Noble Phantasm is the servant itself.
In that case the servant's essence is the "power to protect", and "loyalty to one's lord".


THE ATTACKS STOPPED...
DID HE LOSE SIGHT OF US?
I WONDER?

If either wavers, your vaunted shield will turn brittle.
Isn't that right, Shielder?

DON'T GET CARELESS.
WE'LL FIND OUT HOW HE'S TRACKING US WITHOUT LETTING OUR GUARD DOWN.
IF NOT, WE'LL NEVER CLOSE THE DISTANCE.
YES.
?!
WHAT'S THAT?
WHY IS THERE A TRUCK ON TOP OF A BUILDING?
!?

OH,
CRAP!
WE FELL INTO HIS TRAP!

WE'LL RETRE-
MASTER! GET BACK!

THERE'S NO END TO THE MAGICAL BEASTS AND ARROWS!
AT THIS RATE...!
MASHU...!

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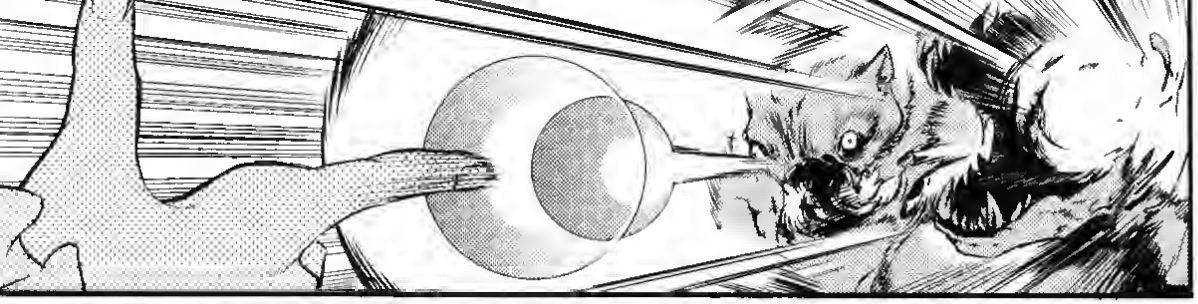
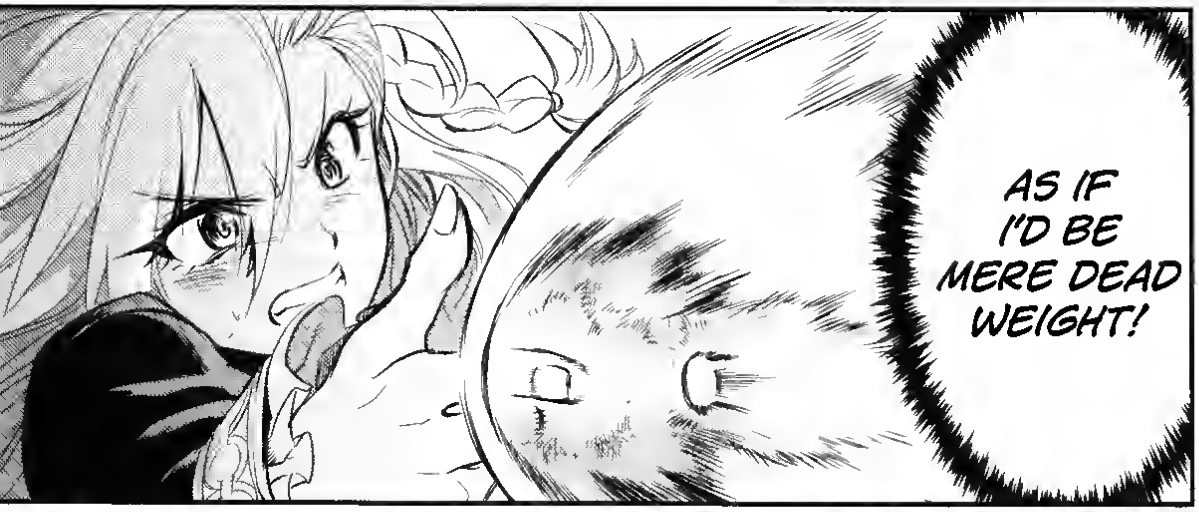
YES!
I'LL TAKE THE BEASTS!
MASHU, YOU FEND OFF ARCHER'S ATTACKS!




AS IF I'D BE MERE DEAD WEIGHT!

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CARRY ME PROP-ERLY!
MORE TO THE LEFT!
NEXT!

DIRECTOR! BEHIND US!
IF YOU KNEW THEY WERE THERE, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME EARLIER!
!! DON'T TELL ME...
!!
HE CAN EVEN DO THAT!?

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I FIGURED OUT HOW ARCHER KNOWS WHERE WE ARE!
THERE'S STILL MORE OF THEM!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU SPACING OUT FOR?
ARE YOU SURE?
PROB-ABLY...
HE'S TRACKING US BY OUR REFLECTIONS!

HUH!?
THERE ARE MIRRORS POSITIONED AROUND THE AREA.
HE PROBABLY CALCULATED ALL OF THIS.
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HOW MANY CRAZY PREPARATIONS DID HE MAKE!?

SO, DIRECTOR...
I NEED TO ASK YOU A FAVOR.

MASHU!
YES!
WE'RE GOING TO DEFEAT ARCHER.
...!
YES!

Haha.
I would have liked to break down Shielder's defense,
but that lady magus had a few tricks up her sleeve.
So they even fended off the beasts.
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Did they catch on?
A flash of magical light.

I'LL SHOOT THROUGH IT IN AN INSTANT.
IF THAT WAS A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO BLIND ME,

SO THE SHIELDER'S CHARGING IN ON HER OWN?
The lady magus and the master are...
nowhere to be seen.

JUST PUT UP WITH IT FOR A FEW MINUTES.
Eww!
IT REEKS IN HERE!
THEY MUST HAVE HIDDEN THEMSELVES DURING THE FLASH.

I KNOW THAT! I'LL REINFORCE THIS TO BE HARD AS A NUCLEAR BOMB SHELTER!
THOUGH, I'M SURE HE'LL FIGURE OUT WHERE WE ARE RIGHT AWAY.

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, MASHU!

Still, it was the correct choice to force an engagement and avoid a battle of attrition.
Truly a desperate move.
The master conceals himself while sending his servant out on a frontal assault.

Now, how to play this?
The master's goal is simple.
Yet...
After all, I'm just a lone Archer.
I've got no chance in protracted melee.
This one is more inter-esting.
Did you accept this plan to charge in?
Shielder.

THE INSTINCT OF THE SERVANT OF THE SHIEELD IS TO PROTECT.
DOESN'T THIS GO AGAINST YOUR NATURE?
!?
BUT MASTER, YOU'LL BE DEFENSE-LESS-
MASHU, WHEN THE DIRECTOR RELEASES A FLASH I WANT YOU TO CLOSE IN ON ARCHER AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN.

WE'LL HOLE UP IN THE CORNER THE BEASTS WERE IN AND REINFORCE IT.
PLEASE. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TAKE DOWN ARCHER.
...I UNDERSTAND.
EVEN IF HE FOCUSES FIRE ON US, YOU MUST ABSOLUTELY NOT TURN BACK.
THERE! COME AT US IF YOU CAN!

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WH-WH-WHAT...
WAS THAT EXPLO-SION...
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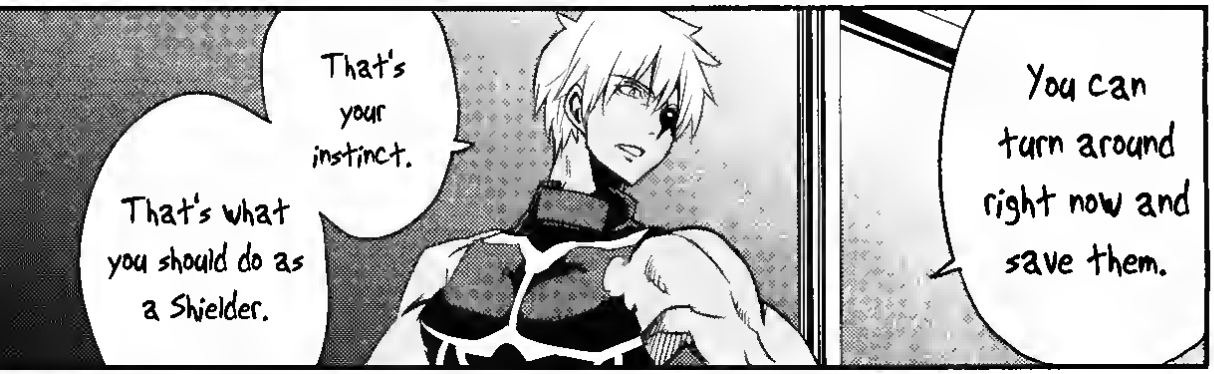
What now?
Your precious master is in danger.


You can turn around right now and save them.
That's your instinct.
That's what you should do as a Shielder.

But if you worry about your master and stop,
you'll betray your loyalty to your master, and lose your power.

JUST A LITTLE LONGER! WE HAVE TO HOLD ON!
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Their cover is destroyed.
KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN!
All they have left is one magus.
Now, what will you do, Shielder?
If you turn back now,
you might still protect them.

MASTER!
I TRUST YOU!!
She sped up even more.

TRACE
BEGIN

for doing this to me.

It's your fault

ON
PROJ-ECTION

!?
THAT'S-
THAT ENERGY IS...!
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DIRE-CTOR!!
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JUST WHAT IS HE...!?

Hmph...
This imitation of mine is shoddily made.
YET, IT'S NOT SOMETHING MERE MAGIC CAN BLOCK.

DON'T TELL ME HE'S GOING TO SHOOT THAT MUCH POWER AT US?
THERE'S NO WAY WE...
THAT ...
CAN BLOCK..
Will you vanish along with your master?
Or...
IT'LL ALL DIS-APP-EAR ...
THAT LIGHT WILL SWA-LLOW EVE-RYT-HING UP ...

WHAT...
CAN I...
...!!
THERE'S STILL SOME-THING THAT I CAN DO!
ARGH!!
I'LL ACTI-VATE IT!

SO THAT'S YOUR NOBLE PHAN-TASM!!

AHHHH!

HUMANITY'S FUTURE —
IN THIS SHIELD
PLEASE

Well done making it this far.
Shielder.
HIS BODY!?

Victory is yours.
It's the result of your attack.
My body is broken and shatt-ered.
You have avoided an unnecessary duel.
You'd like it if I admitted defeat so easily, I'm sure.
Sadly, I have one arrow left.
It really is my last remaining arrow.
And now, I

can see your defenseless Master.
SABER
I'LL FUL-FILL THIS OBLIG-ATION, AT LEAST.
Stop me if you can.

MASTER!!

CU CHU-LAINN!
WELL DONE, MISSY.

...!?
MASHU!
THANKS! YOU DID-
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I LET ARCHER FIRE THAT LAST ARROW...
I'M SORRY, SENPAI...
I...
...!?
MASHU!?
WHAT'S WRONG

WHAT, THAT'S ALL?
I TOLD YOU, WE-
IT WAS AN ATTACK I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED.
THAT'S NOT ALL!
I LET MY GUARD DOWN ONCE I REACHED ARCHER.
IF CASTER HADN'T COME, YOU AND THE DIRECTOR WOULD HAVE...
LIKE I SAID, MASHU, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE'RE ALIVE BECAUSE YOU PROTECTED US WITH YOUR NOBLE PHANTASM, MASHU.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD.

I'D CALL THAT A SPECT-ACULAR VICTORY.
MISSY, YOU USED YOUR NOBLE PHANTASM AGAINST A SUPERIOR OPPENENT, CROSSED BLADES WITH HIM,
AND WON.
THANK YOU, MASHU.
WE OWE THIS VICTORY TO YOU.
BE GLAD, KID. YOUR SERVANT IS A FIRST-RATE HEROIC SPIRIT.
PRAISE HER.

Ahem
...IT WAS THANKS TO AWAKENING YOUR FEELINGS, NOT YOUR TRUE NAME.
SO DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRUE NAME?
I'M NOT BLAMING YOU.
I APOLOGIZE...
I...
WHEN I ACTIVATED MY NOBLE PHANTASM, ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS PROTECTING YOU.
IN THE END...
BUT IT'LL BE INCONVENIENT TO ACTIVATE A NOBLE PHANTASM WITHOUT A TRUE NAME.
IT'S A MOVING STORY.
THAT'S RIGHT... IT WAS A PSEUDO-DEPLOYMENT OF A NOBLE PHANTASM. IN THAT CASE,
LOAD CHALDEAS
FOUNDATION OF HUMAN TRUTH
TRY NAMING IT THAT.

LET'S GO. THERE'S ONE SABER LEFT.
THANK YOU SO MUCH, DIRECTOR!
CHALDEA IS A NAME THAT HOLDS MEANING FOR YOU.
IT'S A GOOD SPELL WORD TO ACTIVATE YOUR SAINT GRAPH, DON'T YOU THINK?

ITS NAME BELONGS TO A PROUD SERVANT

LOAD CHALDEAS

THE END